## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus for processing audio visual data made up of video and audio data, said data processing apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving edit procedure data including an edit command specifying how to edit said audio visual data and whether said audio visual data is to be edited synchronously or asynchronously;

analyzing means for analyzing said edit procedure data and recognizing the to recognize whether the edit command is a synchronous or asynchronous edit command in the edit procedure data;

editing means for editing said audio visual data synchronously or asynchronously in accordance with said edit command;

determining means for determining whether when said edit command specifies a an asynchronous command for copying of said audio visual data and for determining when said edit command specifies a synchronous command for editing said audio visual data; and

controlling means which, if said edit command is determined to specify the copying of said audio visual data be an asynchronous copy command, then transfers said audio visual data from a copy source formed by one of at least one recording/reproducing means for recording or reproducing said audio visual data, to a copy destination formed by either the same

or another recording/reproducing means, without synchronizing the two recording/reproducing means and the editing means in operation; and

if said edit command is determined to specify ~~an~~ a synchronous editing action ~~other than the copying of said audio visual data~~, then transfers the unedited audio visual data reproduced from one of said at least one recording/reproducing means to said editing means for the specified synchronous editing action, and transfers the thus-edited audio visual data coming from said editing means to either the same or another recording/reproducing means for storage therein, while synchronizing said editing means and the two recording/reproducing means in operation.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one recording/reproducing means is incorporated in the apparatus.

4. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one recording/reproducing means is capable of recording or reproducing said audio visual data to or from a randomly accessible storage medium.

5. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said edit command is recorded on a storage medium and reproduced therefrom by said at least one recording/reproducing means; and wherein said receiving means receives said edit command reproduced from said storage medium.

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6. (Currently Amended) A data processing method for processing audio visual data made up of video and audio data, said data processing method comprising the steps of:

receiving edit procedure data including an edit command specifying how to edit said audio visual data and whether said audio visual data is to be edited synchronously or asynchronously;

analyzing said edit procedure data ~~and recognizing the~~ to recognize whether the edit command is a synchronous or asynchronous edit command in the edit procedure data;

editing said audio visual data synchronously or asynchronously in accordance with said edit command using editing means;

determining ~~whether~~ when said edit command specifies ~~a~~ an asynchronous command for copying of said audio visual data and for determining when said edit command specifies a synchronous command for editing said audio visual data;

if said edit command is determined to ~~specify the copying of said audio visual data~~ be an asynchronous copy command, then transferring said audio visual data from a copy source formed by one of at least one recording/reproducing means for recording or reproducing said audio visual data, to a copy destination formed by either the same or another recording/reproducing means, without synchronizing the two recording/reproducing means and the editing means in operation; and

if said edit command is determined to specify ~~an~~ a synchronous editing action ~~other than the copying of said audio visual data~~, then transferring the unedited audio visual data reproduced from one of said at least one recording/reproducing means to said editing means for the specified synchronous editing action, and transferring the thus-edited audio visual data

coming from said editing means to either the same or another recording/reproducing means for storage therein, while synchronizing said editing means and the two recording/reproducing means in operation.

7. (Currently Amended) A program embedded in a computer-readable medium for causing a computer to execute a data processing method for processing audio visual data made up of video and audio data, said data processing method comprising the steps of:

analyzing edit procedure data ~~and recognizing~~ to recognize whether an edit command included therein is a synchronous or asynchronous ~~the~~ edit command ~~in the edit procedure data~~;

editing said audio visual data synchronously or asynchronously in accordance with the edit command specifying how to edit said audio visual data, using editing means;

determining ~~whether~~ when said edit command specifies ~~a~~ an asynchronous command for copying of said audio visual data and for determining when said edit command specifies a synchronous command for editing said audio visual data;

if said edit command is determined to ~~specify the copying of said audio visual data~~ be an asynchronous copy command, then transferring said audio visual data from a copy source formed by one of at least one recording/reproducing means for recording or reproducing said audio visual data, to a copy destination formed by either the same or another recording/reproducing means, without synchronizing the two recording/reproducing means and the editing means in operation; and

if said edit command is determined to specify ~~an~~ a synchronous editing action ~~other than the copying of said audio visual data~~, then transferring the unedited audio visual data

reproduced from one of said at least one recording/reproducing means to said editing means for

the specified synchronous editing action, and transferring the thus-edited audio visual data

coming from said editing means to either the same or another recording/reproducing means for

storage therein, while synchronizing said editing means and the two recording/reproducing

means in operation.